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SUBJECT: ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION REPORT
ON XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: A) GENEVA 4200; B) STATE 150614

1. THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE, AT ITS JULY 15 MEETING,
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DUSCUSSED THE EC COMMISSION'S REPORT ON THE ARTICEL

XXIV:6 NEGOTIATION. (THE REPORT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL DECISION APPROVING THE CONCESSION WHICH THE COMMISSION PROPOSES AS A RESULT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.) ACCORDING TO A PERMDEL SOURCE, THE COMMITTEE TOOK A FAVORABLE VIEW OF THE REPORT AS A WHOLE, BUT TWO DELEGATION--THE FRENCH AND THE ITALIAN--ENTERED FROMAL RESERVATION REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO GRANT THE U.S. INR'S ON TOBACCO, KRAFT PAPER, AND ORANGES AT TH LEVEL OFFERED IN DECEMBER. THESE TWO DELEGATION ARGUED THTA THEY HAD NVER BEEN TOLD THIS WAS TO BE DONE, AND THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE SETTLEMENT MORE THAT ADEQUATELY COMPENSATED THE U.S. THE ITALIANS SUGGESTED THAT THIS POINT WAS SO IMPORTANT THAT IT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING OF JULY 22-23.

2. OUR SOURCE SAYS THAT AS A RESULT OF THE ITALIAN-FRENCH ATTITUDE, THERE WILL BE A FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMENANT REPRESENTATIVE ON THURSDAY, JULY 18, AND IF THE ITALIANS, IN PARTICULAR, PERSIST, AT NEXT WEEK'S COUNCIL. HE WAS, HOWEVER, FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT THESE LAST-MINUTE OBJECTIONS WOULD NOT PREVENT COUCIL APPROVAL OF THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. GREENWALD

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